

TRAVEL & GEAR RENTAL TIPS

Closest Airports

Fresno International Airport (FAT)

2-hour driving distance to Yosemite Valley

San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

4-hour driving distance to Yosemite Valley

Sacramento International Airport (SMF)

4-hour driving distance to Yosemite Valley

Rental Car vs. Public Transportation

- **Renting a car** provides you with ultimate flexibility if conditions change! Road closures can occur for different reasons (like rockfall and fires), altering the route you will use to reach Yosemite.
- **Using public transportation** can help lower travel costs and your carbon footprint! Allow yourself extra time, as travel-related delays can occur. Using public transportation may involve multiple bus and train segments to reach your destination within Yosemite. Make sure you understand where exactly your art retreat meets and takes place to ensure that you get to the correct destination. See below for additional information on public transportation.
- **Carpooling** is a great option for participants traveling from similar areas! Please reach out to our staff via art@yosemite.org so we can connect you with other retreat participants to see if this is an option.

Public Transportation Options

Amtrak

Some Amtrak locations are located at or near airports! If the Amtrak station is not located directly at the airport, make sure to do a quick Google search, so you are familiar with how to get to the nearest Amtrak station.

If you type "Yosemite" into the "To" field, you'll notice multiple options for Yosemite National Park! Amtrak contracts with YARTS to deliver you to your destination within the park.

YARTS

There are four separate routes from different gateway communities that bring you into the park. Depending on where your retreat meets, it may require multiple YARTS rides to get to your destination within Yosemite.

If the schedule for your intended route is not yet published, you can take a look at the route schedule from this past year to get a glimpse of what this might look like for the current year.

Gear Rental Options

Don't have your own camping or backpacking gear? Below are some gear rental options:

- **REI Gear Rental Program** allows you to rent the major necessities to give camping or backpacking a try: backpack, lightweight tent, sleeping pad, cook stove kit, trekking poles, and more. You can also toss a few backpacking meals and bars into your cart.
- **Echo Adventure Cooperative** is a local outfitter in Groveland, CA (along Highway 120) offering a limited number of backpacking rental kits available for a weekend adventure.
- **Kit Lender** offers complete camping and backpacking kits that are mailed straight to your door (with free shipping and returns), so you're ready to go at a moment's notice.